

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—323)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10585.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NATIONAL HOUSING MARKET

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the nation's housing market, after receiving testimony from Senator Isakson; Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Diane Randall, Partnership for Strong Communities, Hartford, Connecticut; and Ron Phipps, National Association of Realtors, Emile J. Brinkmann, Mortgage Bankers Association, and David Crowe, National Association of Home Builders, all of Washington, DC.

### CUSTOMS FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1631, to reauthorize customs facilitation and trade enforcement functions and programs, after receiving testimony from Jerry Cook, Hanesbrands Inc., Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Richard Cotton, NBC Universal, New York, New York; Ted Sherman, Target, Minneapolis, Minnesota;

and Mary Ann Comstock, UPS Supply Chain Solutions, Inc., Sweet Grass, Montana.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### MEDICAL BANKRUPTCY FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine medical debt, focusing on bankruptcy reform, including S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Edwards, Center for American Progress Action Fund, Aparna Mathur, American Enterprise Institute, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Hudson Institute, all of Washington, DC; John A. E. Pottow, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor; and Kerry Burns, Coventry, Rhode Island.

### HEALTH CARE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care solutions for America's small businesses, after receiving testimony from Karen G. Mills, Administrator, United States Small Business Administration; Gene Sperling, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and John Arensmeyer, Small Business Majority, Amanda L. Austin, National Federation of Independent Business, Ann Sullivan, Madison Services Group, Inc., on behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy, Edmund F. Haislmaier, The Heritage Foundation, and Keith Ashmus, National Small Business Association, all of Washington, DC.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.